



DO GOOD

December

Rejoice in the Lord this Advent Season

We hope this Advent calendar provides Christ-centered fun for the entire family. Scheduling quality time with our kids can change our perspective in the most welcome and wonderful ways. Let's find opportunities to rejoice in the Lord this Advent season. Included are some ideas to get you started.

- Pray the weekly Advent Prayer (included).
- Send your holiday photos and wishes to betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org to be posted over the break on our social media pages.
- Attend the Christmas concert on....
- Take a look at our King's Table families and consider making a donation. [Preschool-grade 1](#), [grades 2-5](#), [grades 6-8](#).
- Go on a Christmas light scavenger hunt (included).
- Make an [Advent wreath](#) compliments of the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville.
- Tell some Christmas riddles at the dinner table (included).
- Create a [popcorn/cranberry garland](#) compliments of Howcast.com
- Decorate a Christmas card for Holland Home Raybrook seniors and drop it into the bin outside the school office the week of December 16.
- **Don't forget important dates like the sports registration. The deadline to sign up for girls basketball or ski club has been extended to Sunday 12/8. Register [here](#).**
- During the month of December, complete a survey and provide our teachers, administrators, and principal necessary feedback. The more we know, the better we can be.
 - [Teacher](#)
 - [Admin](#)
 - [Principal](#)
- Support local businesses owned and/or operated by our Saint Thomas school and parish families! If we missed anyone, please let us know!
 - Brann's Steakhouse and Grille - Mike Brann (located on 28th St. in Cascade)
 - Elbow Room - Bill Rabideau (located on Fuller at 96)
 - Cascade Roadhouse - Bill Rabideau (located on Cascade just past 28th)
 - Winchester, Donkey, and Hancock - Paul & Jessica Lee (located on Wealthy St. SE)



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First week of Advent

Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Light, shine in our lives with hope and promise.
Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.
Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.
We await your coming with wonder. Amen.

Second Week of Advent

Light two candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Hope, Illuminate our hearts with your grace.
Enlarge our vision so that we recognize our kinship with all the people of the world.
Help us give to others in ways that meet their deepest needs.
We await your coming with gratitude. Amen.

Third Week of Advent

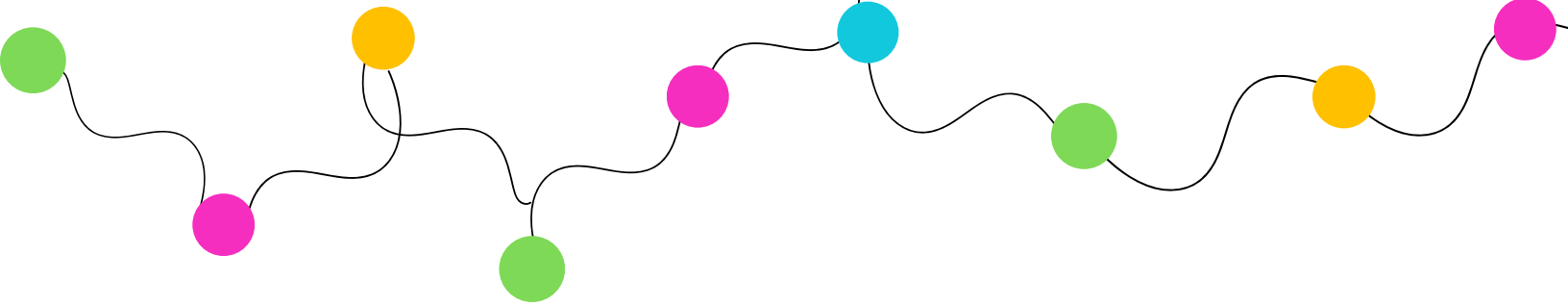
Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our joy, brighten our homes with your presence.
Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love.
We await your coming with delight. Amen.

Fourth Week of Advent

Light four candles and sit for a moment in silence.

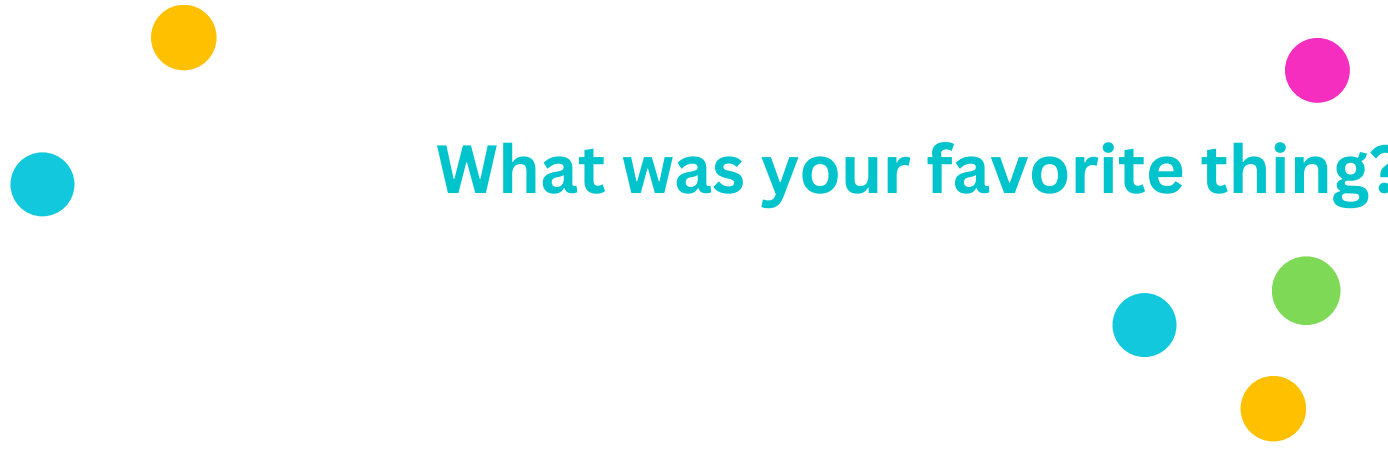
Christ our peace, glow brightly in each moment.
Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond the trappings of the holidays.
Relieve us, if just for a moment, of our worries and stress.
We await your coming with serenity. Amen.



Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Santa's Sleigh | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disney Character |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nativity Scene | <input type="checkbox"/> | Angels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Reindeer | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Grinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Frosty the Snowman | <input type="checkbox"/> | A Penguin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Christmas Train | <input type="checkbox"/> | An Elf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Icicle lights | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lights set to music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Laser lights | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | wreath | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reindeer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Snowglobe | | |

What was your favorite thing?





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De-Lightful Christmas Riddles

Q: What's St. Nicholas's favorite measurement?

A: A Santameter.

Q: What do snowmen call their offspring?

A: "CHILL-dren."

Q: How do Christmas Angels greet each other?

A: Halo!

Q: Which of Santa's reindeer has the worst manners?

A: "RUDE-olph!"

Q: What's Santa's favorite type of potato chips?

A: "Crisp Kringles."

Q: Why does Santa have three gardens?

A: So he can ho, ho, ho.

Q: What does the gingerbread man use to make his bed?

A: Cookie sheets.

Q: How did Scrooge win the football game?

A: The ghost of Christmas passed.

Q: What do you call an elf who sings?

A: A wrapper.